

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 328

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A RESOLUTION to confirm the appointment of Franklin J. "Jim" Bledsoe to the Tennessee wildlife resources commission.

WHEREAS, Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 70-1-201, provides for the creation of the Tennessee wildlife resources commission; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 70-1-201, further provides that the governor shall appoint nine (9) members to such commission; and

WHEREAS, Governor Bill Haslam has recently appointed Franklin J. "Jim" Bledsoe of Jamestown, Tennessee, to serve on the Tennessee wildlife resources commission; and

WHEREAS, Jim Bledsoe will represent District 3 in Middle Tennessee during a term that will expire on February 28, 2017; and

WHEREAS, a lifelong resident of Fentress County, Mr. Bledsoe bought a farm in 1999, while working in the lumber industry; and

WHEREAS, by 2002, he was farming full time, producing poultry broilers and beef cattle; in 2005, he was honored as Fentress County Young Farmer of the Year in recognition of his hard work and expertise in expanding his farm operation to new heights; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bledsoe has contributed greatly to agriculture during his tenures on the Fentress County Soil Conservation District Board of Directors and the Fentress County Farm Bureau Board of Directors, which he presently serves as president; he has also held several key committee positions on the Tennessee Farm Bureau Board; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bledsoe is fortunate to share love and companionship with his wife, Sonya, and their children, Ethan and Ali; both children are avid hunters and hold a lifetime sportsman license, just like their father; and

WHEREAS, an active sportsman, Jim Bledsoe is passionate about getting children involved in outdoor activities; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bledsoe's experience and dedication to wildlife and conservation issues would be a tremendous asset to the Tennessee wildlife resources commission; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 70-1-201(b)(1), provides that each member appointed to the Tennessee wildlife resources commission by the governor shall be confirmed by the house conservation and environment committee and the senate environment, conservation and tourism committee and by joint resolution of the general assembly prior to the beginning of his or her term of office; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby confirm the appointment of Franklin J. "Jim" Bledsoe of Jamestown, Tennessee, to a six (6) year term on the Tennessee wildlife resources commission, such term to expire on February 28, 2017.